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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS

1. (U) DCM WHITEHEAD MET ON JANUARY 11 WITH ABDERRAZAK  
BSSAIED, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE UNHRC HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD  
OPERATION IN RWANDA, TO DISCUSS THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
MONITORING PROGRAM. (DIRECTOR BILL CLARENCE IS ON LEAV  
UNTIL JANUARY 13.) ABDERRAZAK SAID THAT THE PROGRAM NO  
HAS 85 EMPLOYEES, OF WHICH ABOUT 65 ARE DEPLOYED IN THE  
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FIELD. THEY ARE PRESENT IN EACH PREFECTURE ALTHOUGH NO

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EACH COMMUNE; ABDERRAZAK HOPES THAT THE ARRIVAL OF APPROXIMATELY 25 UNV'S AND 30 E.U. MONITORS (SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF FEBRUARY COMPLETE WITH THEIR OWN TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS) WILL PERMIT FULL COMMUNE-LEVEL DEPLOYMENT. HE SAID THAT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GASANA HAD RECENTLY APPROACHED HIM TO REQUEST THAT TOTAL MONITOR STRENGTH BE INCREASED FROM 142 TO 300, OR TWO PER COMMUNE. ABDERRAZAK BELIEVES THAT THE GOR MIGHT REQUEST THIS AT THE UPCOMING UNDP ROUND TABLE IN GENEVA.

2. (U) THE MONITOR PROGRAM HAS ALSO STRENGTHENED ITS LOGISTIC CAPABILITIES. THERE IS NOW RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HEADQUARTERS AND MOST FIELD STATIONS. THIRTY ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ARE IN OPERATION; ANOTHER THIRTY (FLOWN IN FROM KUWAIT) ARE UNDERGOING FINAL REPAIRS. ABDERRAZAK EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH A NEW FOUR-DAY MONITOR TRAINING PROGRAM -- TWO IN GENEVA AND TWO UPON ARRIVAL IN KIGALI -- DESIGNED TO PREPARE THE MONITORS FOR THE REALITIES OF FIELD WORK. HE REMARKED THAT THE PROGRAM HAD OUTGROWN ITS CURRENT FACILITY, WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY, AND WILL SOON EXPAND INTO A HOUSE DONATED BY THE GERMAN EMBASSY AND FOUR BUILDING IN THE BELGIAN SCHOOL COMPLEX. ABDERRAZAK OPINED THAT THE MONITORS WOULD BE UP TO THEIR MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED STRENGTH BY THE FIRST OF MARCH.

3. (U) THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT ESTABLISHED TEMPORARILY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNHRC LAST AUTUMN CONTINUES TO FUNCTION, ALBEIT WITH LIMITED PERSONNEL.  
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ABDBRRAZAK SAID THAT JUSTICE GOLDSTONE HAD BEGUN ISSUIN INSTRUCTIONS TO THE INVESTIGATORS. HE THOUGHT THAT THE ENTIRE INITIATIVE WOULD BE HIVED OFF TO GOLDSTONE AND THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, WHEN THE TRIBUNAL HAD ORGANIZED ITS OFFICES WITHIN THE FORMER UNICEF HEADQUARTERS.

4. (U) ABDERRAZAK DESCRIBED RELATIONS WITH THE GOR AS PRODUCTIVE AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE BROAD LATITUDE OF ACTION GIVEN TO THE MONITORS. HE NOTED THAT SUCCESS

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IN THE FIELD HINGED ON INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS -- SOME LOCAL RPA COMMANDERS WERE MORE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH THAN OTHERS -- BUT THAT OVERALL THE MONITORS HAD ESTABLISHED GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOR. H CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT MONITOR FEEDBACK ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES HAD LED TO THE ARREST OF SEVERAL MISCREAN SOLDIERS.

5. (LOU) ALTHOUGH THE MONITORING PROGRAM HAS NOT COME TO FULL MATURITY, IT CONTINUES TO MAKE ENCOURAGING, INCREMENTAL PROGRESS. THE MONITOR PRESENCE HAS BEGUN T PLAY THE ROLE ENVISIONED AT ITS FIRST INCEPTION.

6. (LOU) ABDERRAZAK IS KNOWN TO US. HE WORKED IN SHAB PROVINCE OF ZAIRE FROM 1978-1980 ON A REPATRIATION PROGRAM AND WAS UNHCR CENTRAL AFRICAN REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (BASED IN KINSHASA) FROM 1985-1987. HE EARNED GOOD REVIEWS IN BOTH POSITIONS. ABDERRAZAK SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED AS UNHCR REP IN BEIRUIT. WE CANNOT PREDICT HOW HIS MANAGEMENT STYLE WILL REINFORCE/COMPLEMENT THAT OF BILL CLARENCE. WE ARE  
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UNAWARE OF ANY SERIOUS RIFT BETWEEN CLARENCE AND UNREO COORDINATOR KENT OR UNHRC/UNREO BUT WILL KEEP AN EYE ON THIS.

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